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The 5/805 Merge

Quarterly Newsletter for the I-5/I-805 Project

Interstate 5/805 Widening Project in the News

In order to keep you better informed of the changes occurring on the Interstate 5/805 Widening Project we have developed this construction newsletter. This newsletter will contain the latest information along with photos of the ongoing construction. We hope you find this newsletter informative. The newsletter will be posted on the website and distributed to nearby residential and business areas on a quarterly basis.

Improving Mobility

Construction is underway on the one of the most anticipated freeway projects in San Diego history. Earlier this year the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) along with other state and city officials broke ground on the Interstate 5/805 widening project. Once completed this \$110 million project will reduce congestion and improve safety through the corridor.

Some of the design features include the addition of a truck/local traffic bypass lane from Mira Mesa Boulevard on I-805 and Sorrento Valley Boulevard on I-5 to Del Mar Heights Road. It also includes the construction of a new interchange on I-5 at Carmel Mountain Road. Several retaining walls will be constructed to enable the final configuration of the freeway system. Widening of northbound and southbound I-5 will minimize existing congestion at this interchange.

The project is schedule to be completed in spring 2007, however northbound lanes should be open to traffic in summer 2005.

Construction News

Motorists who frequently travel through the corridor might have already noticed some minor changes. Construction crews from contractor E.L. Yeager construction began work in March by restriping and signing some of the north and southbound lanes through the project limits. Some of the additional work includes the installation of temporary concrete barriers, clearing away debris and vegetation for future earthwork and water pollution control procedures.

Future editions of the newsletter will provide updates on construction as well as road closures, detours and lane openings.

Changing Lanes

Traffic on northbound and southbound interstates 5 and 805 have been shifted to enable installation of construction barriers. Construction activities affecting traffic will be limited to off-peak hours. Ramp, lane and full freeway closures will be implemented for the safety of motorist and construction personnel. Measures such as Construction Zone Enhancement & Enforcement Program (COZEEP), Highway Patrol Officers and Changeable Message Signs will be used and warning signs will be placed at least three days in advance of major closures to advise motorists of the changing conditions.



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